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**Subject:** Re: Brian Gullett interview for propublica (Deadline: 5: 30 PM, 8/1)

The report on the Radford sampling effort is still in draft form, is under review, and is marked Do Not Copy or Distribute. I will not speak with the reporter.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 1, 2017, at 4:39 PM, Bowling, Charlena <Bowling.Charlena@epa.gov> wrote:  
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> Hi Brian, would you be available for a phone call with Abraham Lustgarten of ProPublica this afternoon? Same topic as his previous request; he says he has some technical questions regarding lead and arsenic in the attached report and would like your perspective.  
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> Please let me know ASAP; looks like his deadline is today at 5:30.  
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> Hi Megan and Carolyn – I just spoke with Abrahm about this interview request (he has a few requests and FOIAs in with other programs). Looks like something you might be able to quickly address. He said he has questions that are very technical related to lead and arsenic in the attached report, and Dr. Gullett's perspective.

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> These are propublica's stories from two weeks ago.

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> <https://www.propublica.org/article/military-pollution-open-burns-radford-virginia>

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> <https://projects.propublica.org/graphics/burn-sites>

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> <https://www.propublica.org/article/military-pollution-toxic-burns-colfax-louisiana>

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> Please let me know if you'll be getting back to Abrahm or if you prefer that I get back to him or if I should get back to him.

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> Just spoke to Abrahm. He's calling me in an hour bc he was busy. Is this what he was looking for from you?

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> Christie et al,

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> I'd like to ask again to speak with Brian Gullett regarding his authorship of the attached report. This is the same report I'd inquired with EPA about months previously and never received a response. Now that its in my possession I'll be quickly reporting a story about it, and have a number of questions I'd like to be able to address for my deadline today. The report, as you'll see, finds that five substances have been historically underestimated in their emissions from military open burn sites in Radford, VA, which is what Dr. Gullett has been studying.

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> Thank you,  
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